



**POSITIVE
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DEVELOPING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

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**MULBERRY SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS POSITIVE DISCIPLINE
DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL: 1 OF 2 IN THE NATION!**

For Immediate Release

LOS GATOS, CA, OCTOBER 11, 2006 - The national nonprofit organization, Positive Discipline Association is pleased to announce the recognition of Mulberry School as a national Demonstration School, Level I for Positive Discipline in the Classroom. This award is presented to select schools that have placed extensive focus on achievement, appropriate discipline, and a healthy school climate.

Mulberry School, a parent participation school for children from preschool to 5th grade, has a philosophy that is clearly consistent with the teachings of Positive Discipline, as founders Dr. Jane Nelsen, Lynn Lott, and H. Stephen Glenn express in the text: [Positive Discipline in the Classroom](#). Mulberry School provides a unique educational environment which offers rigorous academic preparation along with an emphasis on social and emotional development.

Schools have a critical choice to make in how they perceive and respond to student misbehavior. Traditional practices of discipline often contradict the fundamental mission of education—to engage students in higher learning. The best environment for learning is one which promotes caring, mutually respectful relationships. The dominant response in schools to inappropriate behavior is censure, isolation and punishment which often breeds resentment and rebellion.

Included in the Positive Discipline model, class meetings are held throughout the school to help students learn effective problem solving skills. Behavior is monitored in a systematic manner focusing upon strengths and solutions, responsibility and capability. Parents, who function as teacher aides at Mulberry, also receive extensive training in how to help support students in resolving conflicts. This training also translates into better parenting at home and consistency between home and school.

"One parent commented recently that he felt when he sent his son to school he wanted him to be treated with respect, and taught how to work with others to resolve conflicts, as well as learning math, reading, and science." said Kriss Hayward Mulberry School Admissions Coordinator, "That's what we do here."

The award will be received by January Handl, Principal of Mulberry School in a ceremony and celebration on Monday October 16th at 7 PM. Parents and the general public are invited to attend.

More information about Positive Discipline and Mulberry can be found at www.posdis.org. Future participants of Positive Discipline in the Classroom workshops in the South Bay area will have the opportunity to visit Mulberry School for observations as part of their training.

- Replaces traditional control and punishment model of discipline found in most schools.
- Students learn to resolve conflicts by problem solving.
- Influence gained by creating ongoing relationships founded on dignity and mutual respect.
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